

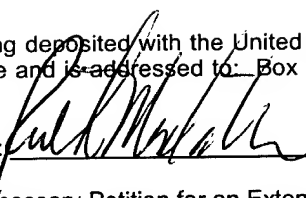
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Peter CZERNEY, et al.	Group:	1626
Serial No.:	09/700,072	Examiner:	S. N. Wright
Filed:	February 2, 2001	Customer No.:	026418
For:	LASER-COMPATIBLE NIR-MARKER DYES		

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RESPONSE

Sir:

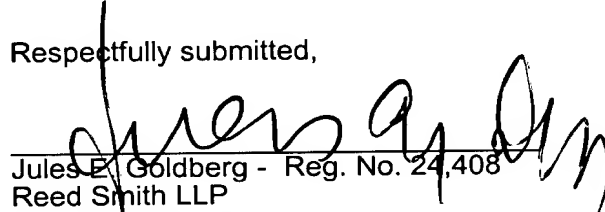
In response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002, Applicant's hereby elect Group V, namely, claims 12-13 which are drawn to a method for qualitative or quantitative determination of proteins, nucleic acids, oligomers, DNA, RNA, biological cells, lipids polymers, drugs or polymer particles, classified in various classes and subclasses.

This election is made without traverse.

Accordingly, it is believed that this is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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